



Crush of lawsuits over voting in multiple states creates a shadow war for the 2024 election

By CHRISTINE FERNANDO

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CHICAGO (AP) — As President Joe Biden and Donald Trump step up their campaigning in swing states, a quieter battle is taking place in the shadows of their White House rematch. The Republican National Committee, newly reconstituted under Trump, has filed election-related lawsuits in nearly half the states. Recent lawsuits over voter roll maintenance in Michigan and Nevada are part of a larger strategy targeting various aspects of voting and election administration. It's not a new strategy. But with recent internal changes at the RNC and added pressure from the former president, the legal maneuvering is expected to play an increasingly significant role for the party as Election Day in November approaches. The lawsuits are useful for campaign messaging, fundraising and raising doubts about the validity of the election. Danielle Alvarez, a senior adviser to the RNC and the Trump campaign, said the lawsuits were one of the organization's main priorities this year.



A ballot is handed to a voter, far right, as early voting takes place at the Warren City Hall, Feb. 21, 2024, in Warren, Mich.

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When it comes to government planes and political trips, who pays for a president's campaign travel?

By **CHRIS MEGERIAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's no simple matter to move the commander in chief from point A to B, and it's even more complicated when the president is seeking a second term.

President Joe Biden recently spent three days in Pennsylvania, a pivotal state in the 2024 campaign, and he plans to be in Virginia and Florida this coming week. The Democratic incumbent is seeking an edge over Republican Donald Trump as he ramps up his travels around the country.

Here's a look at how much it costs and who pays the



President Joe Biden boards Air Force One, March 11, 2024, at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

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bill during the campaign season.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
It's not cheap to fly the president's fleet.

The White House uses Sikorsky helicopters known as Marine One when the president is aboard, as well as custom Boeing 747s

that are immediately recognizable as the iconic humpback Air Force One. (Sometimes the president uses a more modest modified 757 if his destination is nearby or if a runway isn't long enough to accommodate the bigger plane.) Marine One costs between \$16,700 and almost \$20,000 per hour to operate, according to Pentagon data for the 2022 budget year. Air Force One is even more expensive: roughly \$200,000 per hour.

But those figures only scratch the surface of the real cost. There also are military cargo planes that travel ahead of the president to make sure his armored limousines are in place, not to mention the enormous security apparatus that follows the president everywhere.

New aircraft are in the works because the current versions are decades old. Sikorsky is producing 23 updated helicopters to serve as Marine One. Boeing is building two new Air Force One planes, and they are scheduled to be finished by 2028. According to the Pentagon, the planes will come with all enhancements, including "a mission communication system," a "self-defense system" and even "autonomous baggage loading."

WHO PAYS FOR THE TRAVEL?

When the president flies for political purposes, the campaign is supposed to pay the bill. But during an election year, the line between governing and campaigning can be fuzzy. For example, Biden held an official event Wednesday in Pittsburgh, where he announced his proposal for higher tariffs on steel imported from China. The event, however, was a not-so-subtle opportunity for the president to rub shoulders with union members who are critical to his reelection, and he jabbed at Trump in his remarks. (At one point Biden joked that the former president was "busy right now," a refer-

ence to the hush money trial that recently got underway in New York.)

It's up to the White House counsel's office to figure out what percentage of the president's travels are campaign related. That determines how much the federal government should be reimbursed by the Biden campaign. Sometimes the calculations aren't straightforward, such as when the White House adds an official event to an otherwise political trip.

Norm Eisen, a White House ethics lawyer under President Barack Obama, said both Republicans and Democrats have usually hewed closely to regulations. "We had a set of rules on how to do the allocations," he said. "They're intricate, and we stuck to them." No matter what, taxpayers end up on the hook for most of the cost. Campaigns do not pay for all the Secret Service agents and the rest of the security apparatus. In fact, they usually only cover the cost of Air Force One passengers who are flying for explicitly political purposes — sort of like buying a ticket on a particularly exclusive private jet.

HOW MUCH HAS BIDEN PAID?

Biden's campaign and his joint fundraising committee have been stockpiling travel cash in an escrow account maintained by the Democratic National Committee. From January 2023 until the end of last month, they deposited nearly \$6.5 million. Some of that money goes to general campaign logistics, such as staff expenses and advance work. The account is also used to reimburse the federal government for official aircraft used to transport the president, the first lady, the vice president and the second gentleman when they travel for the reelection effort. So far, not much money has found its way back to the U.S. Treasury. As of the latest data available, just \$300,000 has been provided. □

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"This is something that's very important to President Trump," she said. "He has said that this is something the RNC should do year-round."

Democrats and legal experts are warning about how the lawsuits might overwhelm election officials and undermine voter confidence in the results of the balloting.

The Democratic National Committee has a legal strategy of its own, building "a robust voter protection operation, investing tens of millions of dollars," to counter the GOP's efforts that seek to restrict access to the polls, spokesperson Alex Floyd said. "The RNC is actively deploying an army of lawyers to make it harder for Americans' ballots to be counted," he said.

Election litigation soared after the 2020 election as Trump and his allies unsuccessfully challenged his loss to Biden in dozens of lawsuits.

Experts that year wondered whether the blitz of legal action was an aberration caused by false claims of a stolen election and changes to voting processes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Miriam Seifter, attorney with the State Democracy Research Initiative at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

They quickly realized that wasn't the case as the 2022 midterms also generated a high number of election-related lawsuits. This year is projected to be similar, she said. "Litigation seems to now be a fixture of each parties' political and electoral strategies," Seifter said.

Voter ID rules, mail ballots and voter roll maintenance are among the RNC's litigation targets. The latest is a lawsuit this month alleging that Michigan has failed to keep its voter rolls up to date.

Maintaining accurate voter rolls by updating voters' status is routine for election officials, who watch



Election workers process ballots at the Clark County Election Department, Nov. 10, 2022, in Las Vegas.

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for death notices, changes in motor vehicle records or election mail being repeatedly returned. Michigan also uses ERIC, an interstate data-sharing pact that helps states update voter lists but has been targeted by conspiracy theories.

Opponents of the lawsuit have said it relies on unsubstantiated, flawed data and runs the risk of purging legitimate voters.

"They're claiming there's a problem because one piece of data doesn't match another piece of data," said Justin Levitt, a Loyola Law School professor. "But the pieces of data they're trying to match don't measure the same thing. It's like saying, 'I just looked at the clock and it's different from the temperature on my thermometer.'" This is not a new tactic, said Caren Short, director of legal and research for the League of Women Voters, which has filed to intervene in the Michigan lawsuit. She said most previous lawsuits have been from "more fringe groups" rather than directly from the RNC.

"Now seeing a prominent political party attempting to purge people from the

rolls, it's very concerning," she said. In the past four years, Michigan's voter rolls have been targeted in three similar unsuccessful lawsuits. Just days after the Michigan lawsuit was filed, the RNC filed a similar one in Nevada.

A federal appeals court earlier sided with the RNC in a lawsuit in Pennsylvania questioning whether officials should count improperly dated absentee ballots. A Wisconsin lawsuit is targeting absentee voting procedures and ballot drop boxes. An RNC lawsuit in Arizona is aiming to invalidate or adjust the state's 200-page elections manual while another in Mississippi seeks to prevent mail ballots from being counted if they are postmarked by Election Day but received days later.

Various other groups have filed similar litigation recently, including a lawsuit against the Maryland State Board of Elections claiming the state's voting system is not in compliance with federal and state law.

Marly Hornik, CEO of United Sovereign Americans, one of the groups behind the Maryland lawsuit, said

more lawsuits are intended in other states this year. On its website, United Sovereign Americans, which Hornik said formed last summer, announced plans to file lawsuits in 23 states.

The GOP and affiliated groups are involved in dozens of other cases with more on the way, RNC officials have said. In this election cycle, the RNC's legal team has been involved in more than 80 lawsuits in 23 states, said Alvarez, the RNC spokesperson.

She said part of the reason for the flurry of lawsuits was the lifting of a federal consent decree in 2018 that had sharply limited the RNC's ability to challenge voter verification and other "ballot security."

During an interview this month with Fox News, the RNC chairman, Michael Whatley, emphasized the party's plans to prioritize election-related litigation. He said the RNC is recruiting and training tens of thousands of poll observers and working with thousands of attorneys.

On Friday, the RNC announced plans to train poll watchers, poll workers and lawyers and send out more

than 100,000 attorneys and volunteers to monitor vote-counting across battleground states in November.

Prioritizing election litigation also is reflected in recent changes within the RNC since Whatley and Lara Trump, the former president's daughter-in-law, took control and reshaped the organization with a renewed focus on "election integrity." The RNC now has "election integrity directors" in 13 states.

Christina Bobb, who has promoted false claims of a stolen 2020 election and was part of a Trump-backed fake elector scheme, was tapped to lead the department.

"One of our biggest changes from last cycle to this cycle was making the election integrity department its own department with its own dedicated budget and focus," Alvarez said.

Rick Hasen, an election law expert and professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said most of the lawsuits are unlikely to win in court but "serve as a basis for fundraising and are trying to keep this issue front and center as a campaign issue."

Democracy groups and legal experts said the lawsuits could pave the way for false narratives challenging the validity of the 2024 election while consuming time and staff at election offices across the country. Post-election lawsuits also could delay or obstruct certification of the results.

"I worry about these lawsuits that are not designed to clarify the rules but instead to lay the groundwork for false claims that an election their side lost was stolen or rigged," said David Becker, founder and executive director of the Center for Election Innovation & Research, which advises local election officials nationwide. "We saw this in 2020. We saw it in 2022. And we're beginning to see the planting of seeds of doubt in the minds of the electorate again in 2024." □

Marijuana grow busted in Maine as feds investigate trend in 20 states

By DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The high electricity consumption of a home, its cardboard-covered windows and odor of marijuana drew law enforcement's attention to an illicit grow operation off the beaten path in rural Maine. The bust of the home with a hidden grow operation and seizure of nearly 40 pounds (18 kilograms) of processed marijuana marked the latest example of what authorities describe as a yearslong trend of foreign nationals to exploit U.S. state laws that have legalized cannabis for recreational or medical use to produce marijuana for the illicit markets in the U.S.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is investigating international criminal organizations that are operating illegal marijuana grows in about 20 states, including Maine, Attorney General Merrick Garland told the Senate Appropriations Committee this week, in response to a question raised by Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

Federal law enforcement officials said there currently are about 100 illicit grow operations in Maine, like the one in Passadumkeag, about 60 miles (96.5 kilometers) north of Bangor, and about 40



This photo provided by Penobscot County Sheriff's Office shows the seizure of 40 pounds of processed marijuana from a hidden grow operation by a Chinese citizen in Maine.

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search warrants have been issued since June.

In Passadumkeag, Xisen Guo, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in China, has been accused of transforming the house into a high-tech, illicit grow operation, according to court documents unsealed this week.

He was ordered held without bail Friday on federal drug charges, making him the first person to be charged federally in such a case in

Maine. A detention hearing is scheduled for Monday.

The Internal Revenue Service and Department of Homeland Security, along with the FBI and DEA and local law enforcement, are working together to get to the bottom of the illicit grow operations in Maine, Garland said.

The state legalized adult consumption of marijuana, but growers must be licensed by the state. The Maine Office of Cannabis Policy said

Guo was operating an unlicensed operation, according to court documents.

The illicit grow operations across the U.S. began cropping up several years ago. In 2018, U.S. authorities arrested a Seattle woman, conducted raids and seized thousands of marijuana plants during an investigation of an operation with Chinese ties. Oklahoma officials learned straw owners in China and Mexico were running illegal

operations after marijuana was legalized by the state for medical purposes in 2018. The legality of marijuana consumption and cultivation in those states tends to provide cover for illegal grow operations, which may draw less attention, officials said. The marijuana is then trafficked in states where it's illegal.

In Maine, U.S. Attorney Darcie McElwee said thwarting illegal growing operations with international connections is a priority for law enforcement, "and we will continue to marshal every tool at our disposal in this effort as appropriate."

Law enforcement officials know the tell-tale signs.

Police zeroed in on the Passadumkeag operation in part because of the home's utility bills reviewed by deputies.

After the home was purchased for \$125,000 cash, the electricity use went from about \$300 a month to as high as nearly \$9,000, according to court documents. That's consistent with heat pumps, costly lighting and other gear needed to grow marijuana, investigators said. The home owner, a limited liability company, upgraded the electric capability to double what is found in a typical Maine home, according to documents. □

A Nigerian chess champion plays the royal game for 60 hours — a new global chess record



Tunde Onakoya, a Nigerian chess champion and child education advocate, plays a chess game in Times Square, Friday, April 19, 2024, in New York.

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By CHINEU ASADU and JOHN MINCHILLO

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A Nige-

rian chess champion and child education advocate played chess nonstop for 60 hours in New York City's

Times Square to break the Guinness World Record for the longest chess marathon.

Tunde Onakoya, 29, hopes to raise \$1 million for children's education across Africa through the record attempt that began on Wednesday.

He had set out to play the royal game for 58 hours but continued until he reached 60 hours at about 12:40 a.m. Saturday, surpassing the current chess marathon record of 56 hours, 9 minutes and 37 seconds, achieved in 2018 by Norwegians Hallvard Haug Flatebø and Sjur Ferkingstad.

The Guinness World Re-

cord organization has yet to publicly comment about Onakoya's attempt. It sometimes takes weeks for the organization to confirm any new record.

Onakoya played against Shawn Martinez, an American chess champion, in line with Guinness World Record guidelines that any attempt to break the record must be made by two players who would play continuously for the entire duration.

Support had been growing online and at the scene, where a blend of African music kept onlookers and supporters entertained amid cheers and ap-

plause. Among the dozens who cheered Onakoya on at the scene was Nigerian music star Davido.

The record attempt is "for the dreams of millions of children across Africa without access to education," said Onakoya, who founded Chess in Slums Africa in 2018. The organization wants to support the education of at least 1 million children in slums across the continent.

"My energy is at 100% right now because my people are here supporting me with music," Onakoya said Thursday evening after the players crossed the 24-hour mark. □

Israeli strikes on southern Gaza city of Rafah kill 22, mostly children, as U.S. advances aid package

By MOHAMMAD JAHJOUH
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Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli strikes on the southern Gaza city of Rafah overnight killed 22 people, including 18 children, health officials said Sunday, as the United States was on track to approve billions of dollars of additional military aid to Israel, its close ally.

Israel has carried out near-daily air raids on Rafah, where more than half of Gaza's population of 2.3 million has sought refuge from fighting elsewhere. It has also vowed to expand its ground offensive against the Hamas militant group to the city on the border with Egypt despite calls for restraint, including from the U.S.

"In the coming days, we will increase the political and military pressure on Hamas because this is the only way to bring back our hostages and achieve victory. We will land more and painful blows on Hamas — soon," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement. He didn't give details.

The first Israeli strike in Rafah killed a man, his wife and their 3-year-old child, according to the nearby Kuwaiti Hospital, which



Palestinians inspect the destruction following an Israeli military raid in Nur Shams refugee camp, near the West Bank town of Tulkarem, Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Associated Press

received the bodies. The woman was pregnant and the doctors saved the baby, the hospital said. The second strike killed 17 children and two women from an extended family.

"These children were sleeping. What did they do? What was their fault?" asked one relative, Umm Kareem. Mohammed al-Beheiri said that his daughter, Rasha, and her six children, the youngest 18 months old, were among

those killed. A woman and three children were still under the rubble.

The Israel-Hamas war has killed more than 34,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, at least two-thirds of them children and women. It has devastated Gaza's two largest cities and left a swath of destruction. Around 80% of the territory's population have fled to other parts of the besieged coastal enclave.

The \$26 billion aid package approved by the U.S. House of Representatives on Saturday includes around \$9 billion in humanitarian assistance for Gaza, which experts say is on the brink of famine. The U.S. Senate could pass the package as soon as Tuesday, and President Joe Biden has promised to sign it immediately. The conflict, now in its seventh month, has sparked regional unrest pitting Israel

and the U.S. against Iran and allied militant groups across the Middle East. Israel and Iran traded fire directly this month, raising fears of all-out war.

Tensions have also spiked in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. Israeli troops killed two Palestinians who the military says attacked a checkpoint with a knife and a gun near the southern West Bank town of Hebron early Sunday. The Palestinian Health Ministry said that the two killed were 18 and 19, from the same family. No Israeli forces were wounded, the army said.

Later, the military said its forces shot dead a 43-year-old Palestinian woman after she tried to stab a soldier in the northern West Bank near Beka'ot settlement.

The Palestinian Red Crescent rescue service said that it had recovered 14 bodies from an Israeli raid in the Nur Shams urban refugee camp in the West Bank that began late Thursday. Those killed include three militants from the Islamic Jihad group and a 15-year-old boy. The military said it killed 14 militants and arrested eight suspects. Ten Israeli soldiers and one border police officer were wounded. □

Venezuela's main opposition bloc agrees on candidate to challenge Maduro in presidential election

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's main opposition coalition agreed Friday to unite behind former diplomat Edmundo González as its challenger to President Nicolás Maduro in this summer's election, acting one day before the deadline to formalize its candidate.

The decision was reached unanimously by the 10 parties in the Unitary Democratic Platform, Omar Barboza, the coalition's executive secretary, said after a five-hour meeting that included discussions of other possible candidates. The bloc had been allowed to provision-

ally register González on March 26 after the government came under a wave of criticism when opposition leaders said they were blocked from registering their candidate of choice. Saturday was the deadline to make his candidacy final. The opposition group needed to replace its first candidate, María Corina Machado, who easily won a primary organized by the bloc in October but was barred by the government from running after the ruling party-controlled State Comptroller's Office disqualified her from holding public office for 15 years.

Maduro's administration has cracked down on the opposition before the July 28 presidential election despite promises to pave the way to fair elections in exchange for sanctions relief. The Biden administration on Wednesday reimposed crushing oil sanctions, criticizing Maduro's moves.

The governments of Colombia and Brazil also have expressed concern, and Guatemalan President Bernardo Arévalo accused Maduro's government of "consolidating an anti-democratic system." Venezuelan Foreign Minister Yvan Gil has called



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro speaks during a rally marking the 22nd anniversary of the late President Hugo Chavez's return to power after a failed coup attempt, in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday, April 13, 2024.

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the criticism a "gross interference in matters that only concern Venezuelans." Maduro, a self-proclaimed socialist leader, officially launched his candidacy last month for a third term that

would last until 2031. The election is likely to have more than 10 candidates, but except for the main opposition coalition, none are expected to pose a threat to Maduro's power base. □

Sudan's horrific war is being fueled by weapons from foreign supporters of rival generals, U.N. says

By **EDITH M. LEDERER**

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The year-old war in Sudan between rival generals vying for power has sparked "a crisis of epic proportions" fueled by weapons from foreign supporters who continue to flout U.N. sanctions aimed at helping end the conflict, the U.N. political chief said Friday.

"This is illegal, it is immoral, and it must stop," Undersecretary-General Rosemary DiCarlo told the U.N. Security Council. Sudan plunged into chaos in mid-April 2023, when long-simmering tensions between its military, led by Gen. Abdel Fattah Burhan, and the Rapid Support Forces paramilitary commanded by Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo broke out into street battles in the capital, Khartoum. Fighting has spread to other parts of the country, especially urban areas and the western Darfur region. DiCarlo painted a dire picture of the war's impact — over 14,000 dead, tens of thousands wounded, looming famine with 25 million people in need of life-saving assistance, and over 8.6 million forced to flee their homes.

Mohamed Ibn Chambas, chair of the African Union panel on Sudan and high representative for its Silence the Guns in Africa initiative,



Sudanese Children suffering from malnutrition are treated at an MSF clinic in Metche Camp, Chad, near the Sudanese border, Saturday, April 6, 2024.

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called external interference "a major factor compounding both the efforts to negotiate a cease-fire and to stop the war." "As a matter of fact, external support in terms of supply of war materiel and other needs has been the main reason why this war has lasted so long," Chambas said. "It is the elephant in the room."

Neither DiCarlo nor Chambas named any of the foreign supporters.

But Burhan, who led a military takeover of Sudan in 2021, is a close ally of neighboring Egypt and its president,

former army chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. In February, Sudan's foreign minister held talks in Tehran with his Iranian counterpart amid unconfirmed reports of drone purchases for government forces.

The Rapid Support Forces' leader, Dagalo, has reportedly received support from Russia's Wagner mercenary group. U.N. experts said in a recent report that the RSF has also received support from Arab allied communities and new military supply lines running through Chad, Libya and

South Sudan.

The Arab-dominated RSF has carried out brutal attacks in Darfur on ethnic African civilians, especially the ethnic Masalit, and has taken control of most of the vast region.

Its newest target appears to be El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur. Edem Wosornu, the U.N. humanitarian office's director of operations, said RSF-affiliated militias attacked and burned villages west of El Fasher on April 13.

"Since then, there have been continuing reports of clashes

in the eastern and northern parts of the city, resulting in more than 36,000 people displaced," she told the council.

Wosornu warned that "the violence poses an extreme and immediate danger to the 800,000 civilians who reside in El Fasher, and it risks triggering further violence in other parts of Darfur — where more than 9 million people are in dire need of humanitarian assistance."

Two decades ago, Darfur became synonymous with genocide and war crimes, particularly by the notorious Janjaweed Arab militias, against populations that identify as Central or East African.

That legacy appears to have returned, with the International Criminal Court's prosecutor, Karim Khan, saying in late January there are grounds to believe both sides may be committing war crimes, crimes against humanity or genocide in Darfur.

The RSF was formed from Janjaweed fighters by former Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, who ruled the country for three decades before being overthrown during a popular uprising in 2019. He is wanted by the International Criminal Court on charges of genocide and other crimes during the conflict in Darfur in the 2000s. □



Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mark Rowley speaks in London, Nov. 9, 2023.

Associated Press

By **DANICA KIRKA**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — London's police commissioner will meet with senior members of the

Jewish community on Monday after the force bungled its apology for suggesting an "openly Jewish" man's presence along the route of

London police to meet with Jewish leaders as protests spark concerns about the safety of Jews

a pro-Palestinian march risked provoking the demonstrators. Amid calls for his resignation, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mark Rowley is also expected to meet with London Mayor Sadiq Khan and Home Secretary James Cleverly, who together are responsible for law and order in the city. "We remain focused on doing everything possible to ensure Jewish Londoners feel safe in this city," the Metropolitan Police Service said in a statement Sunday. "We know recent events and some of our recent actions have contributed to

concerns felt by many." The meeting comes as London police struggle to manage tensions sparked by the Israel-Hamas war, with some Jewish residents saying they feel threatened by repeated pro-Palestinian marches through the streets of the U.K. capital. The marches have been largely peaceful. However, many demonstrators accuse Israel of genocide and a small number have shown support for Hamas, the group that led the Oct. 7 attack on Israel and which has been banned by the U.K. government as a terrorist organization.

The Metropolitan Police force has deployed thousands of officers during each of the dozen major marches as it seeks to protect the rights of the pro-Palestinian protesters and prevent clashes with counterdemonstrators and Jewish residents.

In addition to meeting with leaders of the Jewish community, senior police officers wrote to the man at the center of the latest controversy, offering to meet with him to apologize and discuss what more could be done to "ensure Jewish Londoners feel safe." □

Aruban snacks and where to find them



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One of the staples of Aruban cuisine and snacks is the Pastechi. Pastechi is a Caribbean fried pastry that is filled with cheese, meat, chicken, veggies and sometimes even fish! Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, locally called a "kroket," which is a crusty fried snack with typically a meat and dough mix filling. The Aruban kroket is based on its Dutch counterpart, the "bitterbal".

These two snacks are typically found in all local snack trucks, which can be found all over the island, including on the side of the main road that stretches from San Nicolas to the Hotel Area. You can also find pastechis and kroketts at

local bakeries and snack shops, like Bright Bakery in Piedra Plat, Huchada in Santa Cruz or Pastechi House in the city center. These places may also sell other snacks and sandwiches too, perfect for on-the-road lunch break.

While you're at it, why not accompany your snack with a refreshing "batido"? Batidos are fruit shakes, typically made with added milk for some creaminess. However, you can also ask to hold the milk. Batidos are commonly found in snack shops too. You may find some batido shops next the flea markets downtown, or if you're on your way to San Nicolas, at Mauchi Smoothies and Juice Bar in Savaneta (located at the side of the main road).

If you are looking for something a bit more fresh and healthy, why not try some coconuts, or shaved ice from local vendors? These vendors carry their little shop at the back of their truck, so they are ever-mov-



ing around the island. However, there are a few spots where you can almost always find a coconut/shaved ice vendor:

1. Right next to the Red Anchor in San Nicolas, on the way to Baby Beach.
2. Along the main road next to the airport field.
3. At the California Light House.
4. At the Alto Vista Chapel.

These vendors may also sell other delights, like the beloved coconut-based dessert "cocada" or peanuts. All in all, in Aruba, you can always find some place to take a break and have a bite of something local, you maybe just might have to look for them! □

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One Love Foundation and Bucuti & Tara Host 3rd Annual 1-Mile and 5-KM Charity Dog Walk/Run on King's Day to Support Stimami's National Spay and Neuter Campaign

(Oranjestad)—Mark your calendars for an exciting King's Day event as One Love Foundation and Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort proudly present their 3rd Annual 1-Mile and 5-KM Charity Dog Walk/Run, set to take place on April 27, 2024, starting at 8 AM at Linear Park, situated in front of the Costa Linda Beach Resort parking lot.

Join us as we come together in honor of Stimami Sterilisami dedicating this event to raising both funds and awareness for the foundation's crucial national spay and neuter program designed to compassionately address the issue of stray animals on our island. The entire community, alongside their beloved four-legged companions, is cordially invited to participate in a morning filled with fitness, fun, and philanthropy. There will be raffles with exciting prizes, and complimentary water, fruit, and doggy treats will be available for participants and their pets.

For those without a furry companion but who still wish to participate, you can join the event solo or opt to volunteer and walk one of the rescue dogs from rescue organizations such as Sgt Peppers Friends, Luna Foundation, Crijajo Trappers, ARF (Animal Relief Foundation), New Life For Paws, and the Animal Shelter, all of whom are invited to take part.

How to participate

Participants can sign up via the Stimami Sterilisami website: www.stimamisterilisami.com/events. On the sign-up sheet, you can also indicate whether you would like to volunteer to walk a

rescue dog from one of the rescue organizations. Make sure to put in all of your contact information so they can reach out to you beforehand. Participation is completely free, but donations are highly appreciated and go directly towards Stimami Sterilisami's national spay and neuter program.

For those who would prefer to make a bank donation (regardless of their participation), you can do so in the following ways:

- For locals:
- you can make a direct transfer to Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami's bank account:
Aruba Bank: 6012630190
- For those living abroad:
- Venmo: @onelovefoundationinc (last four 6144)
- PayPal: paypal@onelovefoundationinc

Impact and Alliance

The story of Stimami Sterilisami's efforts is one of collective passion, impactful contributions, and a shared vision for the future of animal welfare in Aruba. Central to this narrative is the inception of Stimami Sterilisami, which was founded in 2016 by Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. This pivotal moment marked the beginning of affordable and accessible sterilizations of local dogs and cats, whether owned by individual pet owners or rescued by hardworking rescue organizations. As Stimami's largest donor and supporter, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort has been instrumental in shaping the foundation's path, providing unwavering support and resources that have allowed it to make significant strides



toward its goals.

One Love Foundation, a US-based organization, forged a pivotal partnership with Stimami Sterilisami and Bucuti & Tara in December 2021. The foundation has been actively involved in aiding local rescue organizations and raising funds from generous donors in the US for Stimami Sterilisami. To date, the collaboration with the One Love Foundation has been nothing short of inspiring. It has brought in over USD 25,000 in donations, which have been matched dollar for dollar by Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, doubling the impact of every donation towards our shared goal.

"Since our inception, our mission has been to enact positive change for Aruba's street animals by supporting local rescue efforts through various means, including providing essential supplies and veterinary care. Yet, we acknowledge that to address the root cause and stem the rising tide of stray animals, mass sterilization is imperative. Our collaboration with Fundashon Stimami Sterilisami aims to facilitate widespread spaying and neutering initiatives, underscoring our commitment to effecting lasting change. Despite being a small foundation, our ambitions are grand, and it is through strategic partnerships like these that we continue to advance toward our vision," the board of One Love Foundation, Ellen Sirianni, Rob Sirianni, Berkley Cameron, and Cassie Murvay, explain.

unwavering dedication and generosity of One Love Foundation, coupled with the matching contributions from Bucuti & Tara, significantly enhance our collective efforts and impact. Witnessing such steadfast commitment to our cause from Ellen, Rob, Berkley, Cassie, and all those who have rallied behind them is truly heartening. This collaboration serves as a powerful testament to the remarkable achievements we can accomplish when we come together."

Caption: Board members of One Love Foundation, Rob Sirianni, Cassie Murvay, Ellen Sirianni, and Berkeley Cameron presenting a donation of \$8,000 in 2022 to Ewald Biemans, President of Stimami Sterilisami.

You can also help to make a difference

Stimami Sterilisami Foundation is a non-profit organization that uses 100% of each donation received to cover the costs of sterilization for the general public and volunteer rescue organizations. The foundation's books are audited and open to the public. For those who have a local bank account and would like to support and donate to this significant cause, you can contribute directly to Stimami Sterilisami Foundation via bank transfer:

Bank: Aruba Bank
Acc. Number: 6012630190
Acc Name: FUNDASHON STIMAMI STERILISAMI
Swift code: ARUBAWAX

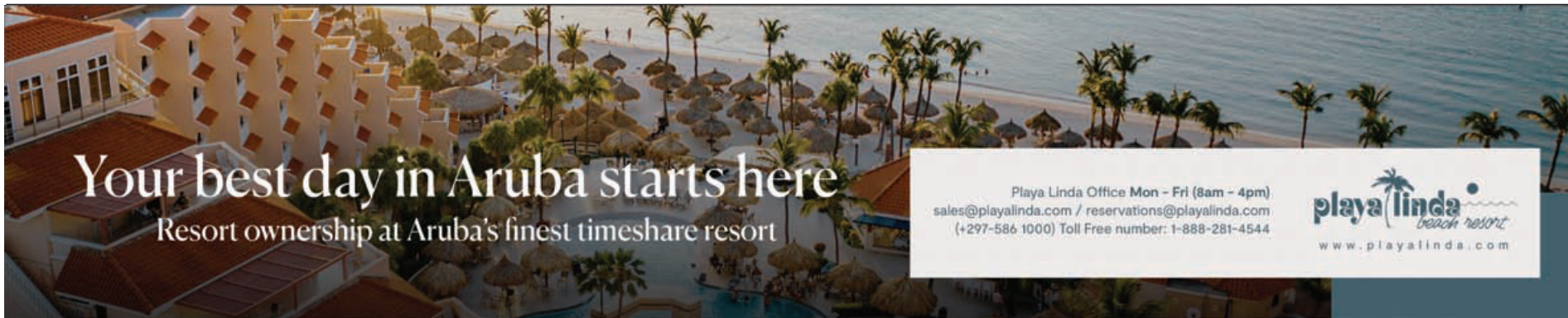
For those who are based in the USA, you can also contribute via One Love Foundation's accounts. All contributions made by One Love Foundation will be matched Dollar for Dollar by Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort.

Venmo: venmo@onelovefoundationinc
PayPal: paypal@onelovefoundationinc



Caption: some of the participants who joined the walk/run organized by One Love Foundation and Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort in support of Stimami Sterilisami Foundation in past years.

Ewald Biemans, President of Stimami Sterilisami and owner/CEO of Bucuti & Tara, expresses profound gratitude for this partnership, remarking, "The



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Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitor at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa!

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure of recognizing Distinguished Visitors of Aruba. The honorees were respectively honored with a certificate acknowledging their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)
Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

The honorees were:

Distinguished Visitor
Mr. William & Mrs. Audrey Mckinnon from Danvers, Boston.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Manchebo Beach Resort & spa bestowed the certificate to the honorees, presented them with memorable gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their best-loved vacation destination, as their home away from home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honorees was:

- Manchebo Aruba's staff.
- Aruba's wonderful restaurant options.
- Aruba's sun and wonderful weather.



- Aruba's wonderful beaches.
- "Wonderful welcoming people"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism

Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Visit the historic museum at Fort Zoutman!



(Oranjestad)—Located in the middle of downtown Oranjestad, situated right next to the government building "Cocolishi", is one of the oldest buildings of Aruba: Fort Zoutman. First constructed in 1796, this site has been used (or left unused) in many ways and have survived eras of war and attempted dismantling.

When anyone refers to Fort Zoutman, they are actually referring to two separate buildings that, over the years, have been merged: the fort and the tower. That's right, the iconic 5-story, squared tower was not part of the original structure of the fort, and is actually called "Willem III Toren". Constructed in 1867, this tower was named after the then-reigning king

of The Netherlands, Willem III. Willem III Toren was originally a light tower, but after a request from Lieutenant Governor Jan Helenus in 1866, it also became a bell tower.

The fort itself was originally constructed to protect the commerce bay of Paardenbaai from pirates and other disreputable characters roaming the Caribbean Sea. Unlike the



Willem III Toren, Fort Zoutman had a more tumultuous past, including the on-and-off reception of unwanted members of the English military several times (The Netherlands was at constant war with England back in the colonial era). Over the years, both the fort and the tower had functioned as different government center points, including a tax and stamps office. For some time these two buildings also housed a police precinct and jail, and even experienced abandonment until the Cultural Center Aruba Foundation (CCA) petitioned for its renovation in 1964, turning the site into

the Historic Museum it currently is.

Despite its small size, The Historic Museum guards a rich depository of the commercial, military and social history of Oranjestad, offering a glance into how the social culture of the town came to be. If you are interested in history and want to learn more about Aruba, then Fort Zoutman should definitely be included into your itinerary.

The museum is open Monday to Friday from 9am-6pm, and Saturday from 10am-2pm.

Source: The Old Fort of Aruba by Jan Hartog.

Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Renaissance Wind creek Aruba Resort!



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Distinguished Visitor

Ms. Aubrey Fundakowski from Attleboro, Boston.

Mr. Jorgino Willems representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of Renaissance Wind creek Aruba Resort bestowed the certificate to the honoree, presented her with memorable gifts, and thanked her for choosing Aruba as her best-loved vacation destination, as her home away from home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba provided by the honoree was:

- To see the flamingos.
- Aruba's wonderful weather.
- Aruba's sun, sand and sea.
- Aruba's great restaurant options.
- "I love to go sightseeing"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

Create museum memories

ORANJESTAD — Museums are an integral part of conserving and honoring cultures, and Aruba is no exception. Our Island has a wide selection of various museums for our locals and visitors to see. Take this opportunity to learn about our island and experience a different day beyond the beach. Let us introduce to you these museums.

Museum of Industry Aruba

The Museum of Industry is located in San Nicolas—better known as the art capital of Aruba. This museum exhibits the industrial history of gold, aloe, phosphate, oil and tourism through elaborated displays and multimedia installations.

The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history, which began in the 19th century. The Water Tower was built in 1939 and consists of three sections: the substructure, the high-rising vertical shaft, and the tank at the top. The Water Tower was purchased by the Monuments Fund in 2003 so it can be restored and preserved as one of Aruba's monuments. The Museum of Industry is part of Aruba Museum

Foundation (Fundacion Museo Aruban), which is a foundation set to maintain, preserve, and protect the Aruban cultural sector, history, and nature. The museum of Industry is open daily from 9 am till 6 pm.

For more information, check out their Facebook page Museum of Industry Aruba.

Archaeological Museum of Aruba

The Archaeological Museum of Aruba is located at Schelpstraat 42 in downtown Oranjestad. The renovated historic Ecury complex in the area has been transformed from a family home to a modern museum that preserves Aruba's Amerindian cultural heritage. This 21st century museum is especially designed to preserve valuable artifacts dating back to the Pre-Ceramic period of 2500 BC.

In the late 1980's, AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.



These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m2.

In 1997, the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004, a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006, restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the soon-to-be exhibition space. In December 2007, the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union

of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), opened in July 2009.

At the new location, the National Archaeological Museum Aruba disposes of approximately 500 m2 for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit conveys information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques. The new permanent exhibit gives the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum also hosts attractive public programs, including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.

The museum is open daily from 9:30 am till 4:30 pm. For more information check out the Facebook page Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba. □

The district of Savaneta

A quick history guide to the island's first capital

(Oranjestad)—Before Oranjestad became the island nation's capital, Aruba's first capital was the district of Savaneta. Here is where the cultural identity of Aruba was born, and from where the rest of the island developed into what it is today.

Savaneta is said to have been the first place where the Caquetio inhabitants first stepped foot on the island. Though there isn't hard evidence to back this up, but considering the legend of the Cacique Arua, it is believed that there were already movements on Aruba—and Savaneta—around 88 AD.

The Caquetios probably made their way to the island either from Venezuela, Colombia or other Caribbean islands in the region, but with good weather it was relatively easy for them to travel back and forth in their canoes. So, since the Caquetios discovered the island, Aruba found her first form of civilization.

It wasn't until 1499 when Aruba met another group of people who set foot on the island: the Spanish explorer Alonso de Ojeda. De Ojeda first took notice of Aruba off the coast of Venezuela, during his exploration of the Latin American country. This was on August 9th, 1499. However, de Ojeda didn't actually sail to the island till 4 days later, on August 23rd, 1499. This was the beginning of the Spanish era on Aruba (1499-1636).

Alonso usually didn't stop at every island or land he saw, especially not in the Caribbean. He would often take notice of land from afar and continue sailing. However,

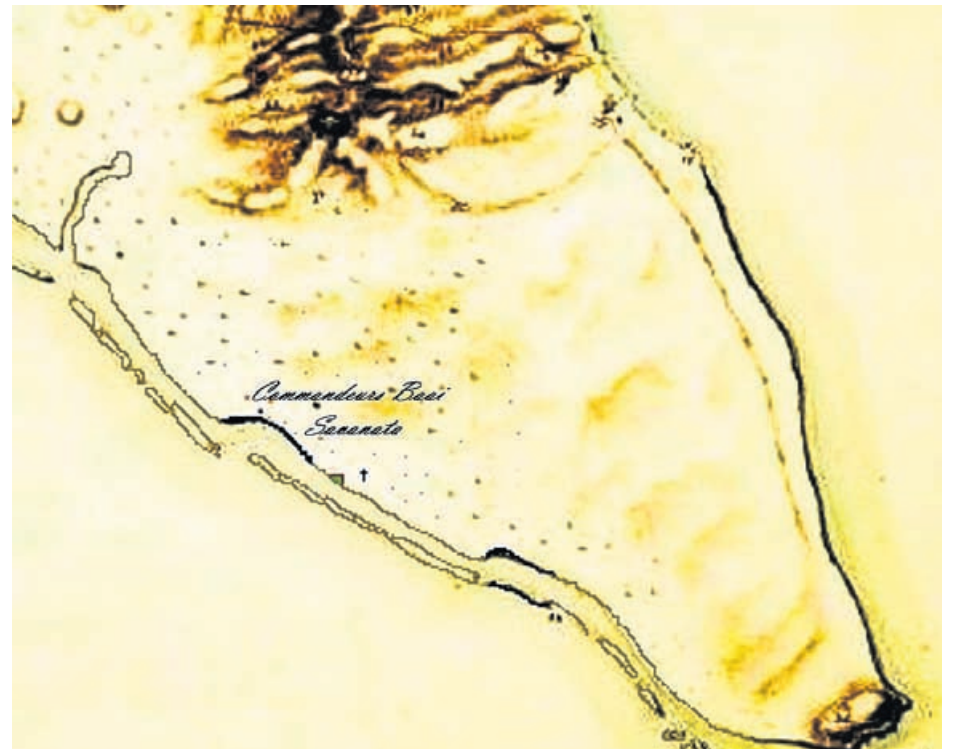
Aruba was an exception. He had heard that there were "quebracho" trees on the island, which were commonly used to produce dye or paint. But since these trees could not be found in Savaneta, he continued to search in the area of what is now known as Santa Cruz. The best way to transport the tree barks was via a route passing through Savaneta, and so the first road between Savaneta and Santa Cruz was made.

The Dutch colonial era (1636-1805)

During the 80-year war between The Netherlands and Spain, Dutch explorers and merchants began to travel to the ABC islands. Once they landed in Aruba, they deported the small Arawakan and Spanish community that was living on the island. This was the beginning of colonization of the ABC islands by the Dutch empire. Around the same, the West Indian Company (WIC) was born. Bonaire and Curaçao were mostly used for plantations, where the Dutch had transported slaves from Africa. Aruba, on the other hand, was mostly used to raise cattle and to house the haring factory. The Dutch had often forced the indigenous community to work for them.

In 1636, when the Netherlands won the war against Spain, the country surrendered the islands to the Dutch.

The Dutch administration appointed the island's first commander, an Irish man named N. Williams. Because the Dutch were interested in other Caribbean islands and countries in South America, they imported Dutch merchants and business



Commandeursbaai (Commander's Bay) at Savaneta

men, all of whom resided in Savaneta. This way, Savaneta officially became the island's first capital.

However, at the end of the 18th century, the commander at the time, J.R. Lauffer, moved his office to what is now "Horse Bay" in Oranjestad. Because the highest office on the island moved away from Savaneta, the capital lost its title to what was called then Playa.

How Savaneta got its name

The name Savaneta probably has a Spanish origin. It was said that when the Spanish climbed a hill called Yara, they saw that the area was mostly open and had no big trees. In Spanish, such a land area is called a "sabana".

Because of its land surface, Sava-

neta was a great place to construct cattle farms. From here, the farmer culture on Aruba was born. Before the Aruban Gold Rush and the construction of the Refinery in San Nicolas, most residents were farmers, and Savaneta had many inhabitants that farmed fruits and vegetables. They also continued the tradition of raising cattle, like goat, sheep, pigs and horses. Savaneta was one of the first places on the island to have a general farming culture. From this culture, many other traditions were born, like the Dera Gay Holiday that we celebrate every year on June 24th. □

Source: Historia di Savaneta (History of Savaneta) by Adolf "Duffi" Kock.



Alonso de Ojeda



"Quebracho" (Kibrahacha) tree; used to make dye and paint

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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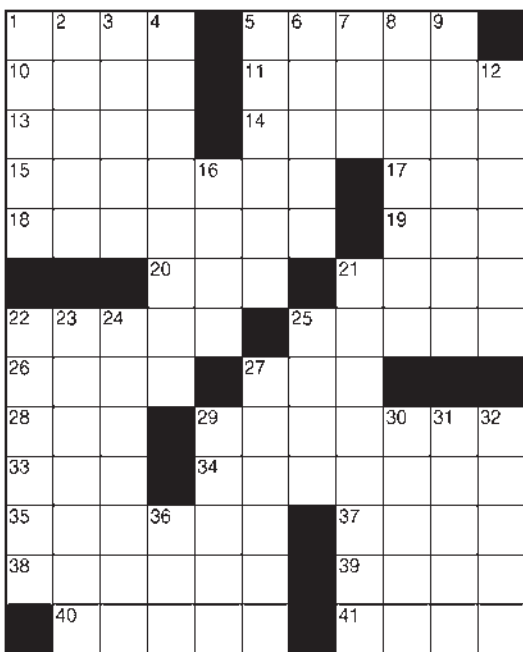
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AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-22

CRYPTOQUOTE

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X I A Q D F J, O S K T A S N C M M A K

B D D V J V F Y M Z X F A P N A P Y M Z.

— V C O I A M D F S H C

Saturday's Cryptoquote: NATURE IS NOT A PLACE TO VISIT. IT IS HOME. — GARY SNYDER

Cruise Schedule

TUE	09	SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS	08.00	21.00	I	1
WED	10	CARNIVAL MAGIC	07.00	15.00	B	1
		NORWEGIAN PRIMA	10.00	20.00	C	1
		MARELLA VOYAGER	08.00	20.00	I	1
THU	11	MSC DIVINA	07.00	14.00	B	1
		RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS	08.00	18.00	C	1
FRI	12	CARNIVAL PRIDE	09.00	22.00	C	1
		NORWEGIAN SKY	10.00	20.00	I	1
SAT	13	NORWEGIAN JADE	07.00	20.00	C	1
TUE	16	RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS	08.00	21.00	B	1
		CARNIVAL HORIZON	09.00	22.00	C	1
WED	17	ODYSSEY OF THE SEAS	08.00	23.00	C	1
SAT	20	NORWEGIAN PRIMA	10.00	19.00	C	1

Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic—but important—information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

lets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.

Supermarket hours



Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.

Electrical power



Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of out-

Drinking water



The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.

Safety



Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Millennial Money: How couples can share the mental load of money management



The likeness of Benjamin Franklin is seen on \$100 bills, Thursday, July 14, 2022, in Marple Township, Pa.

Associated Press

By **SARA RATHNER**
of NerdWallet

NEW YORK (AP) — A lot of work goes into making a household run smoothly, and the thread that runs through all the labor is money. It's money that makes it possible to fix a broken appliance, enroll the kids in summer camp and save up to replace the aging car. The mental load of money can be heavy. It's made up of those endless invisible tasks we engage in, and the future tasks we lie awake at night thinking about.

"I think it is important to mention the emotional weight that comes with worrying about money. Do we have enough for rent next month? Are we saving enough for college?" Kate Mangino, author of "Equal Partners: Improving Gender Equality at Home," said in an email. "Those kinds of worries tend to chip away at our emotional health, especially if we think our partner doesn't share this worry, and we're alone in carrying that weight."

When it comes to the mental load of managing financial responsibilities, couples can fall into unproductive patterns that can lead to conflict, resentment and even willful ignorance. If money management feels unbalanced in your relationship, here are some ways to rethink your routine.

APPROACH MONEY AS EQUALS

If one person takes on most or all money tasks, there

can be a tendency to fall into a manager/follower dynamic, which can create a power imbalance in your relationship. Additionally, when one person is in charge and the other does tasks as assigned without understanding the full picture, it can leave that second person in the dark. "The person who is 'spared' having to think about this stuff will become less financially literate over time," Scott Rick, author of "Tightwads and Spendthrifts: Navigating the Money Minefield in Real Relationships," said in an email. "This will leave them especially vulnerable if the relationship ends, either through divorce or the death of their partner."

Equality doesn't mean each person must be 50% responsible for every task, or even that you each take on 50% of tasks, but rather that you acknowledge that you have an equal stake in your shared success.

LIST AND ASSIGN MONEY TASKS

Schedule a money date or two to make a comprehensive financial to-do list. Who is responsible for which task currently, and how did it become their responsibility? Should any of these tasks be switched to the other person? Is anything not getting done? Break down each task into a list of subtasks. Let's say you both want to work with a financial planner, and one of you takes responsibility for finding one. Those subtasks can be:

- Get three names of financial planners that meet your shared requirements (such as a fee-only planner, or someone with specific professional credentials).

- Contact those planners to inquire whether they're taking on new clients.
- Schedule consultations at a time that's also convenient for your spouse or partner, and prepare any needed financial documents in advance of those meetings.

"It is important to recognize that managing money is only one of many tasks required to run a household, so these types of conver-

sations should not happen in isolation," Brian Page, founder of Modern Husbands, a community that shares ideas to manage money and the home as a team, said in an email. "Be considerate of the other household burdens you each tackle."

OWN YOUR TASKS FROM START TO FINISH

As you list your tasks, discuss what "done" looks like for each. Set parameters, a budget and other expectations. Then, you each select tasks to accomplish on your own, with periodic check-ins.

Some tasks are complicated, but take them one step at a time. This is not the time for weaponized incompetence (though, in a partnership, it's never a good move to feign incompetence to get out of a responsibility). If you're stuck on a subtask, you can talk about it when you check in with each other. □



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Jayson Tatum triple-double, 3s lead Celtics past Butler-less Heat 114-94 in playoff opener

By **KYLE HIGHTOWER**
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Celtics spent the days leading up to their playoff matchup with Miami talking about wanting to match the physicality of a team that would be looking for an edge without star Jimmy Butler.

Boston did that and then some.

Jayson Tatum notched his first career playoff triple-double with 23 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists to lead Boston past the Miami Heat 114-94 on Sunday to open their first-round playoff series. Derrick White added 20 points and four assists for Boston, which finished with six players in double-figures. The Celtics' lead grew as high as 34 points in the fourth quarter. Miami used a late run to get as close as 14, but Boston closed it out.

"It's supposed to be tough. In the playoffs no game is easy," Tatum said. "There's no guaranteed wins regardless of time and score, how much time is left. ... We just had to respond and we did that." Miami spoiled the Celtics' NBA finals dreams last season, jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the conference finals and then blowing them out in Boston in Game 7.

But Boston fed off the energy of the TD Garden crowd on Sunday, tying a fran-



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) drives past Miami Heat forward Nikola Jovic (5) in the first half of Game 1 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Sunday, April 21, 2024, in Boston.

Associated Press

chise playoff record with 22 3-pointers and outscoring the Heat 31-14 in the third quarter.

"There was a four or five-minute stretch when we didn't handle it well, but I think the other 42-43 minutes — that's the recipe," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said.

Including the regular season, Boston is 38-4 at home and has won its past four meetings with the Heat.

Bam Adebayo scored 24 points for the Miami, which played for the second straight game without star

Butler following his right knee injury during the play-in round. Terry Rozier also remained out with a neck injury. Delon Wright added 17 points and tied a career-high with five 3s. Jaime Jaquez Jr. finished with 16 points. Tyler Herro had 11 points, but shot just 4 of 13 from the field, including 2 of 9 from beyond the arc.

"Applying pressure and making things difficult, not really allowing me to get comfortable really from the beginning," Herro said. "It's one game. We're going to

leave it behind us and keep it moving."

Game 2 is Wednesday in Boston.

Tempers flared in the final minute when Caleb Martin undercut Tatum on a rebound attempt and sent him crashing hard to floor. Brown got in Martin's face afterward, leading to a brief scrum and double technical fouls on Brown and Martin.

"It's a physical game playing against a physical team. (Stuff is) going to happen," Tatum said. "It's probably not the last time I'm going to get

hit like that, or fouled in this series. I wasn't hurt to get hit like that. Just get up. ... Just go down there and knock the free throws down."

Miami was pushed around for most of the game, notably limited to just five offensive rebounds.

That set tone, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

"Boston controlled this game from the tip," he said. "They won the big muscle areas. Definitely won the 3-point line and the majority of the areas in between."

Boston didn't have reserve big man Luke Kornet after he strained his right calf in practice on Saturday. But the Celtics' bench stepped up without him, contributing 30 points.

Sunday's game had a completely different feel without Butler, whose postseason heroics keyed Miami's run from play-in qualifier to the NBA finals a year ago.

Boston beat the Heat in all three regular-season meetings this season, including a 33-point drubbing in Miami. Sunday's game resembled that one, with the Celtics jumping on the Heat from the opening tap.

On the first possession of the game Tatum was stripped at the last second on a dunk attempt but corralled the loose ball and found Brown for a 3-pointer. □



Nelly Korda celebrates after winning the final round of the Chevron Championship LPGA golf tournament Sunday, April 21, 2024, at The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas.

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By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
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THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) — Nelly Korda etched her name in the LPGA Tour record books Sunday, winning her record-tying fifth

straight tournament with a two-stroke victory in the Chevron Championship for her second major title.

Korda joins Nancy Lopez (1978) and Annika Sorenstam (2004-05) as the only players

Nelly Korda ties LPGA Tour record with 5th straight victory, wins Chevron Championship for 2nd major

to win five consecutive LPGA events. Her previous major victory was in 2021 at the Women's PGA Championship. The top-ranked Korda shot a 3-under 69 in the final to outlast Maja Stark of Sweden, who birdied her final two holes to pull within one. Korda stayed aggressive on the par-5 18th, easily clearing the lake in front of the green and setting up an easy up-and-down birdie for a two-shot victory.

Korda had a four-day total of 12-under 275 at Carlton Woods. Korda entered the last round one shot off the lead after completing the last

seven holes of the weather-delayed third round early Sunday morning on a windy and unseasonably cool day.

She birdied two of her first four holes to take the lead. Lauren Coughlin birdied Nos. 13 and 14 to get within two strokes, but bogeys on the 16th and 17th holes put her four behind. She shot a final-round 68 finish tied for third with Canadian Brooke Henderson.

Korda nearly aced the par-3 17th, with her tee shot hitting the hole and hopping in the air before settling within 10 feet. She settled for par to maintain her two-shot lead.

Korda wowed the large crowd, which followed her throughout the day, by chipping into the wind for birdie on the par-4 10th hole to take a four-stroke lead. The 25-year-old raised her club above her head with one hand and pumped her fist after the ball rolled into the hole.

Haeran Ryu of South Korea shot a bogey-free 67 to enter the final round leading Korda by one. But the 2023 Rookie of the Year bogeyed the first two holes in the fourth round to fall out of the lead. She closed with a 74 and finished fifth. □

Panthers score twice in the third period and beat the Lightning 3-2 in Game 1 of NHL playoffs

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Here's a sentence that has never been said: Florida leads Tampa Bay in a playoff series.

And for the Panthers, that's a great way to start.

Carter Verhaeghe tapped in a pinpoint pass from Aleksander Barkov for the lead 58 seconds into the third period, Matthew Tkachuk added a goal and an assist and the Panthers beat the Lightning 3-2 in Game 1 of their NHL playoff series Sunday.

Barkov had two assists, Sam Reinhart also scored and Sergei Bobrovsky had 17 saves for the Panthers, who won a Game 1 on home ice for the first time since 1997.

"Game 1 was great," Tkachuk said, "especially being on the winning side."

Brandon Hagel and Steven Stamkos got the goals for Tampa Bay. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 25 stops for the Lightning, who pulled him for an extra attacker with 3:08 remaining. Tkachuk got an empty-netter 63 seconds later, and Florida soon began celebrating a 1-0 series lead.

Stamkos scored with 9.3 seconds left for the Lightning, but Florida controlled the ensuing face-off and time expired.

Verhaeghe's goal came on the power play, one that carried over from late in the second period. Barkov held the puck on the right wing, then sent a diagonal pass through the slot to a hard-charging Verhaeghe — who was behind everyone else and simply touched the puck into an open net.

"I didn't even see the pass," Verhaeghe said. "Just hit my stick. That's how well Barky can pass the puck." It's the third time the Sunshine State rivals have met in the playoffs — both of the first two having gone Tampa Bay's way, and basically in one-sided fashion. The Lightning won 4-2 on their way to their second straight Stanley Cup in

2021, then swept Florida 4-0 in 2022 and outscored the Panthers 13-3 in that series. That ouster brought changes to Florida, which hired Paul Maurice to implement a new style geared toward winning in the playoffs without sacrificing offense. The Panthers rode that to the Stanley Cup final last year, to the Atlantic Division title this year — and it was enough in Game 1.

"We have history between these two teams," Barkov said. "Last two times, it didn't work out well for us but we want to change it now. I think we have a great opportunity here and today was unreal. It's been a great atmosphere

here all season, but man, we missed the playoffs. We missed this atmosphere."

Florida took the game's first eight shots, keeping Tampa Bay from getting anything to Bobrovsky until 15:55 had elapsed in the opening period. And then it was the Lightning who clamped down — holding Florida to only six shots in the next 25 minutes, no small feat against the team that has gotten, by far, the most shots on net in the NHL over the last four seasons.

Shots after two periods: Florida 14, Tampa Bay 10. It tied the second-fewest shots the Panthers had through 40 minutes this season, and tied the third-few-



Florida Panthers players congratulate each other after the Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2, during Game 1 of the first-round of an NHL Stanley Cup Playoff series, Sunday, April 21, 2024, in Sunrise, Fla.

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est the Lightning had entering a third period.

"That was a pretty tight-checking game," Light-

ning coach Jon Cooper said. "And in the end, a power-play goal was the difference." □



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